BOX: PATENT APPLICATION

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Prior Application:

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For:

CACHE CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner of Patents **Box: Patent Application** Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/544,853, filed on April 6, 2000, entitled CACHE CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
 - 2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee \$750.00Total Claims $10 - 20 = 0 \times 18 = 0.00 Independent Claims $4 - 3 = 0 \times 84 = 84.00 Total Filing Fee \$834.00



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- 3. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$834.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.
- 4. Cancel claims 1-26 before calculating the Filing Fee.

 A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.
- 6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/544,853, filed April 6, 2000, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/217,371, filed December 21, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,085,286, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/822,004 filed March 24, 1997, now abandoned, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/530,711, filed September 19, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,694,576, which is a continuation of 08/375,234, filed January 19, 1995, which is a continuation application of Serial No. 07/625,154, filed December 10, 1990, now abandoned.

- 7. New drawings are enclosed, thirty-four (34) sheets, Figs. 1-45.
- 8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

- 9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.
- 10. Priority of Japanese Application No. 1-323396, filed on December 13, 1989, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. The certified priority document was filed during prosecution of the parent application, USSN 07/625,154.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/544,853, as originally filed on April 6, 2000.

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